

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family of the late Honorable Paliknoa K. Welly, Senator of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia representing Congressional District One of the state of Kosrae, at his passing on January 5, 2024.

1 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Paliknoa K. Welly was born in
2 Kosrae on December 24, 1951, and showed exemplary discipline and
3 intelligence at a young age, graduating as class valedictorian in
4 both elementary (1967) and high school (1971); and

5 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Paliknoa K. Welly attended the
6 United States International University (USIU) in San Diego,
7 California, before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps at
8 Camp Pendleton in Field Artillery in June 1974, as Fire Direction
9 Control Man, until he was honorably discharged in August 1978; and

10 WHEREAS, following his commendable service and honorable
11 discharge from the United States Marine Corps, the late Honorable
12 Paliknoa K. Welly worked in management for the Circle-K
13 Corporation in San Diego and, simultaneously, in 1991 enrolled at
14 California State University – Turtlock, where he graduated in 1994
15 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice/Law
16 Enforcement; and

17 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Paliknoa K. Welly returned to his
18 cherished home state of Kosrae in 1995 and began his long and
19 notable career in public service, working for the State Government
20 as the Administrative Officer for the Department of Education

1 while again, simultaneously, pursuing further education by
2 enrolling in an extension program through the University of
3 Hawaii-Manoa for a Master's degree in Education Administration
4 and, upon completion of his Master's degree served as the
5 Community Development Officer for the College of Micronesia for
6 three years from 1999 to 2001; and

7 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Paliknoa K. Welly became a member
8 of the Kosrae state Bar in December 2001 and began serving as
9 Chief Prosecutor for the state of Kosrae; in 2005 the late
10 Honorable Paliknoa K. Welly became a member of the FSM Bar and in
11 2006 accepted the position of Environmental Lawyer for the Kosrae
12 Island Resource Management Authority (KIRMA); and

13 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Paliknoa K. Welly was first
14 elected to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia in
15 2007, as the two-year Senator representing Congressional District
16 One of Kosrae to the Fifteenth Congress and, in recognition of his
17 dedication, accomplishments, and exceptional service, was re-
18 elected by his constituents in each subsequent election up to and
19 including election to the current Twenty-Third Congress; and

20 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Paliknoa K. Welly was selected as
21 Chair of the Congressional Standing Committee on External Affairs
22 for the Fifteenth through Seventeenth Congress, served as Vice
23 Speaker for the Eighteenth Congress, and again selected as Chair
24 of the Congressional Standing Committee on External Affairs for
25 the Nineteenth through Twenty-Third Congress, while also serving

1 on the Committees on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and
2 Ways and Means, and Chair of the Kosrae Delegation; and

3 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Paliknoa K. Welly was held in
4 high regard by all those fortunate to have the opportunity to work
5 with him and is remembered as a man of highest integrity, with
6 dedication to service and tremendous leadership, and an unending
7 commitment to the development, growth, and protection of our
8 Nation; and

9 WHEREAS, the people of the Federated States of Micronesia
10 have benefited immeasurably from the life and service of the late
11 Honorable Paliknoa K. Welly; and

12 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Paliknoa K. Welly passed away on
13 January 5, 2024, in his village of Walung in his beloved state of
14 Kosrae, and is survived by his wife Shrue, their children Kilafwa,
15 Arthy, Gary, and Wilmina, their ten grandchildren and is preceded
16 in death by their son Itchiro; now, therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated
18 States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2024, that Congress
19 hereby expresses its sincere condolences and sadness to the family
20 of the late Honorable Paliknoa K. Welly at his passing on January
21 5, 2024; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
3 of Micronesia and the family of the late Honorable Paliknoa K.
4 Welly.

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6 Date: 1/10/24

Introduced by: /s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
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